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### **MONTANA, BRITISH YOUTH TEAM UP FOR UM WILDERNESS EXPLORATION**

#### **MISSOULA --**

Montana students ages 16-20 are invited to join members of the British Schools Exploring Society on a summer wilderness and conservation expedition beginning July 11, sponsored by the University of Montana Wilderness Institute.

Seventy-two British youths will spend six weeks in Montana backpacking, canoeing and working on science and conservation projects, said Wilderness Institute Field Program Coordinator Mick Womersley.

Activities will include working as a trail crew in Glacier National Park, hiking along the Rocky Mountain front range and floating the Missouri River. Participants will use the Boone and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch as a base camp.

Students who attend Montana high schools or colleges, and who are in good academic standing, may apply to attend all or part of the program. The application deadline is June 15.

The fee per two-week segment is \$105 and covers food and administrative costs. Students must provide their own transportation to the point of departure.

The British Schools Exploring Society, sponsored by the Royal Geographic Society, was established in 1937 to use wilderness exploration to develop character and scientific skills among British youths. Previous society explorations have included trips to Greenland and Siberia.

"Here in Montana, the explorers can clearly get a much better idea of natural habitat than

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they could at home," said Womersley, who immigrated to the United States from Great Britain eight years ago. "They can get to see what Europe used to be like."

The explorers will be divided into groups of 12, with two Montana youths and three instructors joining each group.

Applicants should send a typed letter explaining why they would like to join the exploration and a description of their previous experience in wilderness travel and conservation to the British School Exploring Society, c/o Mick Womersley, Wilderness Institute, The University of Montana, Missoula, 59812.

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